

Alaska Herpetological Society
Officer Meeting to discuss newsletter & misc.
February 4, 2017
3:00 PM

Officers present: President Don Larson (**DL**), Treasurer Josh Ream (**JR**), Secretary Mark Spangler (**MS**)

Joint TWS Meeting

Cost sharing

TWS will charge all conference registrants an extra \$10 to be paid to AHS

AHS will share costs associated with Thursday a.m. breakroom

- Mark will confirm whether this is \$100 towards catering or providing and setting up donated refreshments

Conference format

Traditional 15-minute format assumed

AHS will approach TWS about possibility of doing longer format talks (~30 minute) plus panel discussion if needed to fill space

Non-formal talks may be used to fill in space

Business meeting

Scheduled over lunch hour

Josh will try to call in

Any participants who only want to attend the meeting (not the conference) will not be forced to pay the \$20 registration fee

Non-formal talks may be inserted into business meeting if conference spots fill up

Possible presenters

Melanie Hinzmann – wood frogs in the classroom

Amy Larson / Heidi Kristenson – wood frog acoustic monitoring in NPS

Andrew Keller - ?

Falk Huettmann - ?

Trey Simmon – Siberian newt in Beringea

Roman Dial / undergrads – JBER wood frog malformations

Brian Barnes – Freeze tolerance

Grad student in contact with Josh – population monitoring on Haida Gwaii/Chichigoff

Josh or Mark will try to touch base again with George from Juneau

Newsletter

Deadlines

All content due Feb 20
Distribution date March 20

Content

Officer's corner pieces
One full-length article/officer
Melanie Hinzmann article
Bradford Norman article
Snippets
 First find contest by region (submit photo/audio?)
 Did you know?
 Save the frogs day
 Social outing to Byers Lake
 Invitation to meeting/registration link
 Short abstracts from each meeting presenter
 Park segment? (Josh's idea)

Submit pieces

Mark will create a shared folder on Google Drive to submit pieces
Dustin and Josh will format into a final product.

T-Shirts

Design complete and pre-orders on website
24 shirts = \$1 discount/shirt on order

Promotion

TWS?
Facebook
Flyers on UAF campus

Stickers

Josh and Dustin will work to create and order stickers

Social Event

Don reserved Byer's Lake cabin for 21-23 April 2017

FrogWatch Leadership

Mark approached Creamer's Field about taking over program in 2018
Mark will work with Josh, Seth, and Joni about possibly co-coordinating the program in Southeast/Southcentral
Tangent: AHS leadership/member involvement
 We should try to reconnect with herp hobbyists